

Remarks

The following is in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2004.

Claims 1-6 and 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (USP 5,850,445). The examiner moreover allowed claims 7-8, 16-17 and 19-28. Furthermore, the examiner deems claims 9 and 18 to contain allowable subject matter.

Per the above amendment, claims 1-3, 5-6 and 10-12 have been deleted. Moreover, claims 9 and 18 each have been amended into independent form incorporating the limitations of the respective independent claims to which they depend. Claims 9 and 18 should therefore be formally allowed.

Moreover, the subject matter of claim 19, which the examiner deems to be allowable, has been incorporated to each of claims 4, 13, 14 and 15. Accordingly, claims 4 and 13-15 each should now be patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow all of the pending claims of this application and pass the case to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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